

Figure 1 Tuscadora Fertilizer Company

A121-1 AF/W 6 PC * Armour Fertz. Works Baltimore, MD
 It was a pleasure to find the letter and contract enclosed. Knowing of John Lyding's interest in Baltimore City commercial covers, I asked him what he could turn up about the company or location Unfortunately, he was not of much help, other than to tell me that:

- Calvert is a relatively common name in Maryland and it often used in businesses. This stems from the founders, the Calvert and Crossland families. It is their coat of arms that appear on the Maryland flag.
- There is a Calvert Street in Baltimore. But John has not been able to locate the "Calvert Building."
- There is no relationship, but The Baltimore Philatelic Society's Club House is located in a "row-house" in the 1200 block of North Calvert Street.

In any event, it is my theory that the Tuscarora Fertilizer Company was a distributor of Armour products and barring any evidence to the contrary I suggest that Tuscarora be added to the list of supplemental users listed in the catalog's appendix. The company's Letter Head and Bill Head are shown on page 38.

A121-1 - Subsidiary User

Robert Szymansky (L145)

I saw the Tuscarora Fertilizer Company cover (Figure 1) and noted that the user did not match the entry in The Catalog of United States Perfins by the Baloughs. The city matches, but that's about the only correlation with the catalog entry of:

this one in the collection of Joe Laura, Jr. (#1238).

Well Harry, perhaps there are not many blocks of four \$5.00 stamps around, but how about this block of nine \$5.00 (see Figures 2 and 3 to the right) punched with the "NCB" of New York's National City Bank. That is perfin pattern N44 which can be distinguished from pattern N43 by measuring the height of the letters -- 4.5 mm vs 4

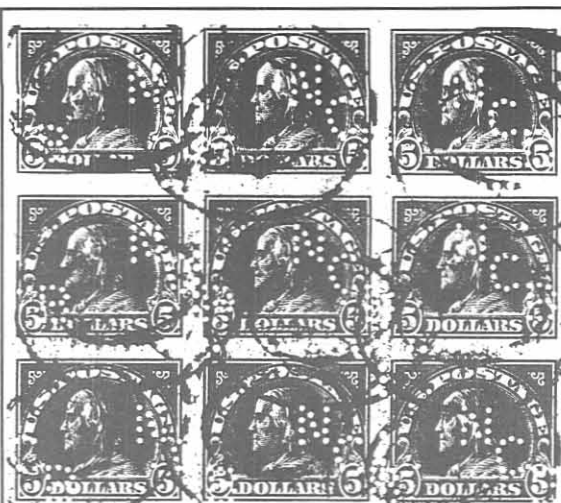


Figure 2 - Bob's Block of Nine

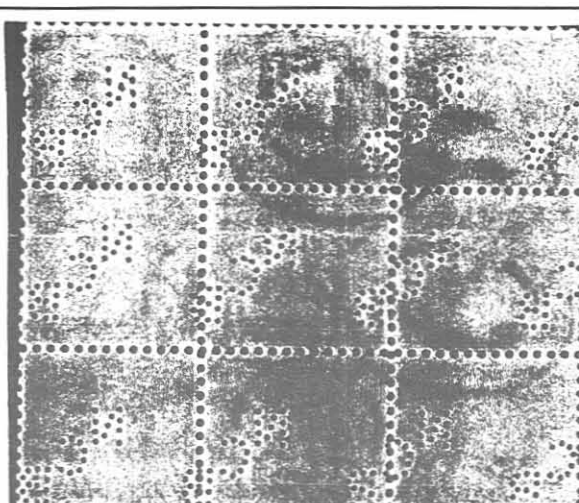


Figure 3 - Back of the Block

TUSCARORA FERTILIZER COMPANY.
POST OFFICE BOX 541,
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

AGENTS' CONTRACT
FERTILIZERS

M. *E. A. Nickerson* BALTIMORE, MD. *9/2* 57

Erving Tom Campbell Sec., Va.

DEAR SIR: *Dec. 1st 1910*

1. For the season ending *Ervington Kent Lewis & Son*

territory only, viz: *also*

the following brands of Fertilizers, in such quantities necessary to supply the demand in said territory and as may be mutually satisfactory; to be sold by you as our agent for our account, and at such prices to net us per ton of 2,000 lbs. in 200 pound sacks in car lots. *E. W. F. Erving Son, Va. Mich.*

opposite the respective brands, to-wit:

tons Acid Phosphate, 14

Figure 2 Billhead of Tuscarora Fertilizer Company

our, 2-7-4, at \$ per ton



TUSCARORA FERTILIZER COMPANY,

FERTILIZERS AND FERTILIZER MATERIALS

POST OFFICE BOX 541

867 CALVERT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.,

September 12th, 1910.

Figure 3 Letterhead of Tuscarora Fertilizer Company